

As organizations that provide community housing options for people with disabilities, we know the importance of establishing and maintaining positive relationships with neighbors. When we rent or purchase homes in neighborhoods, we seek an opportunity for our residents to become a part of the community, as would any other new renter or homeowner. Becoming a member of a community is a social compact. Our neighbors hold us (our staff and our residents) accountable to certain standards of behavior, just as we expect the same from our neighbors.

We, the cosigners of this "Good Neighbor Agreement," affirm our shared commitment and responsibility to uphold community values and standards in all of our residences in Fairfax County and the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church.

We will operate a home that is well maintained, presentable and in keeping with community standards for landscaping, painting, and trash disposal. We will strive to maintain and even enhance the positive character of the community.

We will expect everyone in our homes to show respect for their neighbors by obeying all laws and community standards and to endeavor to take neighbors' individual needs into consideration, as would be expected of any neighbor.

We will respond quickly to any questions or concerns from neighbors and will provide contact information whenever requested, so neighbors know who to call. We will strive to ensure that individuals providing support in the home will focus on the safety and well-being of everyone in the community.

We will welcome opportunities for neighbors to get to know our residents and staff as they would other neighbors, for example, while attending a neighborhood event, doing yard work, or enjoying a break on the porch.

In turn, we ask our neighbors to welcome us as they would other neighbors, let us know directly and promptly of any questions or concerns, and understand and respect our residents' needs for privacy and confidentiality of personal health information.